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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, Applicants request entry of the present amendment and reconsideration in view of this amendment. This response is timely filed and it is believed that no fees are required.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.